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Dear Administrator:

The technology you use to transmit Resident Assessment Data to the National Data Base has changed to a Broadband connection. Please ensure that you have made the switch before the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) **terminates direct dial-up service on August 1, 2008.**

In July of 2007, CMS along with AT&T released technology to connect to the Medicare Data Communication Network (MDCN) via Broadband. New Jersey was upgraded in January 2008. Once connected to MDCN, MDS/OASIS Assessment data and reports can be securely transmitted as required by CMS.

Connection to MDCN can be made directly through your Network or if not available, through an Internet Service Provider (ISP). Connection to an ISP may be made through standard methods such as a cable modem or DSL.

Please note:

- Current software to connect and submit MDS and OASIS assessments and retrieve reports is AT&T's Global Network Client, Version 7.2.1.
- This software and the loading instructions are available at www.qtso.com.
- More information is available on the "Welcome to the New Jersey State Page".

Review this information with your MDS/OASIS Coordinator and/or Network IT personnel. If you have any networking issues, call the MDCN Helpdesk at 1.800.905.2069 or require additional assistance, call our MDS/OASIS help Line at 609.984.8204 or Debi Chapman at 609.633.8981.

Sincerely,

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